

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJ: Connecticut Surface Water Quality Standards

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Enclosed are water quality standards with revisions that were adopted by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on November 7, 2001. Also enclosed is a redline/strikeout version that assists in identifying the revisions and a "Statement of Reasons" document that responds to comments. Revisions to state water quality standards are subject to EPA review and approval/disapproval. The Region is in the process of reviewing DEP's revisions. If you have any concerns with the revisions, please contact me by July 12, 2002.

During the public comment period EPA and others made comments suggesting numerous revisions that were in addition to those that DEP had proposed. In many instances DEP believed that substantive revisions requiring a new comment period would be required to address those comments. DEP elected to move forward with adoption of revisions in accordance with its original proposal and included some additional revisions that it believed to be less significant and responsive to comments. Further substantive revisions were deferred for consideration during a subsequent review process. EPA intends to work with DEP to ensure timeliness of that subsequent review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns (617/918-1544; [beckwith.william@epa.gov](mailto:beckwith.william@epa.gov)). Thank you.